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A good recipe for your Food Service Worker test *Food Handler testing is now available at your fingertips!*

Taking the test to get a Food Service Worker Card has never been easier in Maricopa County!

In addition to our traditional processes –paper tests and classroom experiences- Maricopa County Environmental Services department has allowed third party companies to now provide the Food Service Worker training and testing online. This new feature will make it more convenient and beneficial to all.

Interested individuals only need to visit our website at www.maricopa.gov/envsvc, click on “Quick Links—Food Worker Testing”, look for the list of County approved online sites and just follow the different links to On-line Testing Sites, sign up, pay their service fee work through the training program and take the test. The online training and tests may be available in English and Spanish.

Each company assigns their service fee for providing the online training and testing, while Maricopa County ensures proper test content.

After the test is satisfactorily completed, you only have to print the certificate generated online and bring it to any of our Environmental Services Department Testing Sites to obtain your card.

“We’re very excited to provide this new service to our County residents, as part of our efforts to make it more accessible and easy for all to comply with this important requirement for food service workers”, said John Kolman, director with the Maricopa County Environmental Services department.

For individuals who prefer to take paper tests, the department still offers them in multiple languages (English, Spanish and Chinese) at our different offices. For times and locations please visit our website. There is a \$10 charge per every test attempt.

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After passing the online or paper test, the cost to obtain one card is \$5. You may also obtain duplicate cards for \$3 each.

A study booklet of food safety information is provided at our different locations. Our website also provides an online version of the study guide and practice questions.

Food Service Worker Cards are required for any person who handles, prepares, serves, sells or gives away food for human consumption, including those whose duties are restricted to busing or washing dishes. The rule does not apply to workers in facilities that handle food or beverages exclusively in a closed package or container. New workers must obtain their licenses within 30 days.

To access all the Maricopa County Food Handler-related information, please visit the Environmental Services department website at: www.maricopa.gov/envsvc. For further assistance, please call: (602) 506-6616.

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